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1. A three-page report on naval vessel sightings at Kronstadt and Leningrad [redacted] including three sketches [redacted] and an annotated sketch map of the harbor area of Kronstadt. Vessels sighted include: a possible SVERDLOV-class cruiser, [redacted] (sketch No. 1), and a destroyer, [redacted] anchored off Kronstadt; five small submarines, a submarine with a water-tower-like structure above the conning tower (sketch No. 3), and a [probable OTLICHNYY-class] destroyer, [redacted] in the Submarine Basin, and a [probable CHAPAYEV-class] cruiser, [redacted] a cruiser [probably the KIROV], [redacted] and two cruisers covered with red lead, in Central Basin, at Kronstadt; a W-class submarine, [redacted] (sketch No. 2), in the Morskoy Kanal, and the atomic icebreaker LENIN at the Admiralty Shipyard, in Leningrad. 50X1-HUM

2. A two-page report on naval vessel sightings at Kronstadt [redacted] including two sketches and an annotated sketch map of the harbor area. Naval vessels sighted include: a cruiser [probably the KIROV], [redacted] the coast defense vessel VYBORG, [redacted] (sketch No. 1), SIBIR-class missile range instrumentation vessels SIBIR and SAKHALIN, four submarines, a submarine with a water-tower-like structure above the conning tower (sketch No. 2), a [probable OTLICHNYY-class] destroyer, [redacted] and a cruiser being overhauled, at Kronstadt; and the SVERDLOV-class cruiser ORDZHONIKIDZE, [redacted] off Kronstadt. 50X1-HUM

3. [redacted] report. [redacted] on naval vessel sightings [redacted]. The report includes sketches of vessels. Naval vessels sighted include the following: in the Gulf of Finland, an MTB, [redacted] at Kronstadt, the cruiser KIROV, [redacted] and vessels not described, [redacted] On the Neva River at Leningrad, two vessels, [redacted] a submarine, [redacted] (sketch No. 3), and three identical small vessels with hulls covered by planks, [redacted] (sketch No. 4). 50X1-HUM

4. [redacted] report, [redacted] on observations at Kronstadt and Leningrad [redacted]. Report includes two sketches of naval vessels and three annotated sketch maps locating observations. Observations include the following: at Kronstadt (sketch No. 1), a submarine, [redacted] five W-class submarines, [redacted] a submarine with a water-tower-like structure above the conning tower (sketch No. 2), coast defense vessel VYBORG, the cruiser KIROV, [redacted] possible SKORYY-class destroyers, and several unidentified destroyers; heading towards Leningrad, a W-class submarine, [redacted] in the Gulf of Finland (sketch No. 3, showing positions), six destroyer-like vessels with one stack, a submarine, and a T-43-class radar picket ship, [redacted]. 50X1-HUM

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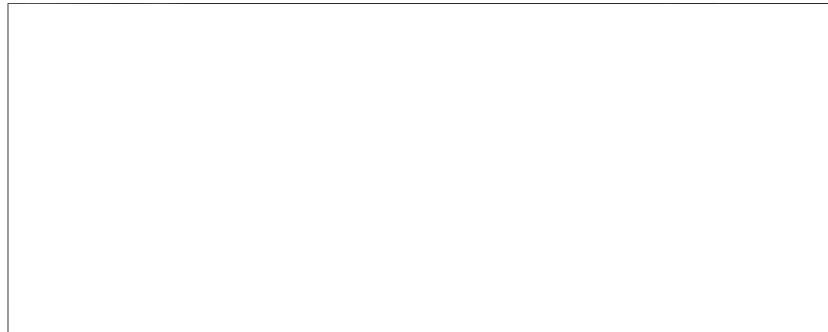
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(sketch No. 4); and in Leningrad, three destroyers, [redacted]
[redacted] at Zhdanov Shipyard, a tanker being launched at
the Baltic Shipyard, the atomic icebreaker LENIN at the Admiralty
Shipyard, and repair work on the Granite Quay in The Morskoy Kanal
(sketch No. 5).

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1. NAVAL: [redacted] the following vessels

were observed at Kronstadt (for the location, see sketch no. 1):

a. Six submarines.

Descriptions: One of them, which was slightly smaller than the remaining five, [redacted]

The remaining five were identical.

The height of the tower was three or four meters over the deck, with a built-in bridge. The hull was broad in relation with the length, and streamlined. There were no free-standing arms on either the forward or after-decks.

b. Alongside the next pier was a submarine belonging to the same class as the five mentioned above. [redacted] This sub was,

however, equipped with a tank far out on the bow. The tank seemed to be completely square, with sharp corners and sides, about two meters tall, and two by two meters wide and leng. Besides this, the sub was equipped, forward on the tower, with a five or six meter-tall, round mast, about two feet in diameter, and at the top of the mast was a cylinder, about four feet in diameter.

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c. Tied up to a buoy inside the harbor was a large naval vessel.

[redacted]
[redacted] the vessel was over 250 meters long, and had two smokestacks with a mast forward of each of them.

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d. Farther inside the harbor lay what was evidently an even larger naval vessel.

This ship was red-lead painted and obviously was being overhauled. The height of the navigation tower was about thirty to forty feet over the water-surface.

At the top was a long, horizontally-placed object [redacted] identified 50X1-HUM as a distance-meter.

e. In the harbor basin, between the two large vessels, were six or seven medium-sized vessels, [redacted] classified as destroyers.

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Description: [redacted] The length was about 150 meters. There were two smokestacks with a mast forward of each of them.

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f. Between the destroyers, an older vessel was observed.

Description: [redacted] The navigation tower

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was high. The primary guns were large-calibered, about twelve inches.

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g. Near the large floating dock, three or four other medium-large naval vessels were observed, identified [redacted] as destroyers. These were slightly 50X1-HUM smaller and had a lower free board than the other destroyers that were observed.

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h. Outside of Kronstadt Harbor, an older naval vessel was seen lying at anchor.

Description: The ship was evidently the ELISABETH. She was flush-decked with a high free board. There were two guns on the forward deck, three-inch caliber. Two smokestacks followed, then two guns on the after-deck, about three-inch caliber. The stern hung far out over the water. There were no rails

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on the deck, nor was there any gate in the stern, although there may possibly have been an opening under the over-hang. [redacted]

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i. [redacted] three naval vessels were seen at a wharf [redacted] in the Zhdanov Shipyard, identified [redacted] as destroyers.

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Description: All of the vessels were identical [redacted]

[redacted] There were two smokestacks, the after stack low and sharply sloping to [redacted] 50X1-HUM the stern. There was a mast forward of each smokestack. Around both masts on at least two of the ships there was scaffolding. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] the same three naval vessels were observed [redacted]

at the Zhdanov Shipyard. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

j. [redacted] the situation at Kronstadt was as follows:

The large red-lead painted vessel, and, as far as could be determined, [redacted] 50X1-HUM all of the destroyers and the older vessel with the large-calibered primary arms [redacted], lay in the same positions they had been in [redacted] 50X1-HUM

[redacted] The ELISABETH had been moved and now lay tied up by the stern on the outside of the southeastern jetty. The cruiser and the six submarines had left the harbor. The sub with the tank-like construction on the bow was not observed [redacted] but it could very well have been in the same position [redacted] 50X1-HUM as it was in [redacted] as a [redacted]
few tugboats and some small boats had come in [redacted]

k. [redacted] a large naval vessel was observed [redacted]
lying at anchor near Leningrad Lightship. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

Description: [redacted] There were two smokestacks, two [redacted] 50X1-HUM
masts [redacted] identified the vessel as a cruiser. [redacted]

l. [redacted] a submarine was observed in a [redacted]
position about five nautical miles west of Leningrad Lightship, on its way in [redacted]

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towards Leningrad.

The sub was of the same type

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as the five subs in the six-hundred series observed in Kronstadt

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and can very possibly have been one of these.

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six destroyer-like vessels

and a submarine were observed inside the following areas that on [redacted] Chart

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[redacted] are marked as closed-off areas:

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The area is bounded by the following positions:

N 60°00.5' - E 27° 17'

N 60° 05.5' - E 27° 34'

N 59°51.5' - E 27° 26.5'

N 59° 57' - E 27° 44'

[redacted] the destroyers lay by twos inside the area approximately 50X1-HUM
 as shown on Sketch no. 3. [redacted] two of the destroyers had moved 50X1-HUM
 towards east-northeast. Just aft of these a submarine surfaced. (See sketch no. 3)

Description:

The destroyers were estimated to be 50X1-HUM

about 2000 tons. All of them were identical, with one smokestack.

No details of the submarine were observed.

n. [redacted] at a position N 58°50' - E 21°00', 50X1-HUM

a naval vessel on a northerly course was observed.

Description:

The size was about 2000 50X1-HUM

tons. There was a gun turret on the forward deck, but it was impossible to see the number of guns. The bridge structure had a mast on it. The break to the main deck was on the stern-side of the bridge superstructure. One smokestack with a topmast forward. There was still another mast with a large antenna at the top aft of the smokestack. (See sketch no. 4).

2. SHIPYARDS:

a. The Baltic Shipyard.

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[redacted] a tanker of an estimated fourteen to fifteen thousand tons

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deadweight was launched from a bedding at the Baltic Yards.

b. The Marti Shipyard.

Alongside the outfitting wharf at the Marti Yards was the atomic ice-breaker LENIN. It was maintained by the Soviets that she had not made her trial voyage yet, but she was obviously almost finished. The greatest width was said to be 24 meters. The propulsion machinery generated 44,000 HP. There were three propellers. A very small smokestack aft of the bridge superstructure. The smokestack stuck up from a superstructure, however, and the red smokestack-belt had been painted on the superstructure in such a way that it was easy to get the impression that this was an ordinary smokestack.

It was noted that mast-scaffolding is typical of Soviet shipyards. This scaffolding is used during the overhauling of naval vessels as well as during that of commercial vessels. Even a four-masted sailing ship that lay in the harbor at Kronstadt had these scaffolds around each mast all the way up to the tops of the masts.

3. THE HARBOR: The wharf Granitnaya Stenka towards the Morskoy Channel was being improved. A new wharf-edging was being cast about two meters outside of the old edge.

(See sketch no. 5 for observations in Leningrad).

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1. NAVAL: a. [redacted] a motor-torpedo-boat was sighted in the Bay of Finland, about forty nautical miles west of Kronstadt. The boat was traveling northeast at a very great speed. [redacted]

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b. [redacted] a great many different types of naval vessels were observed in Kronstadt Harbor. [redacted]

c. [redacted] six submarines were observed at Sudomekh shipyards. Three of the subs appeared to be identical and were lying one after the other, while the other three seemed to be smaller and lay tied up alongside each other in the river below. The first three subs seemed to be very large. Only the top part of the tower was visible as the subs were otherwise concealed in back of wooden planks placed close together. [redacted]

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The length of the tower was the same as two sections of planks, and the length of the plank-sections was estimated to be seven to eight meters.

The three subs lying in the river below appeared to be identical to each other. The tower was vertical on the forward side and straight down or slightly slanting on the after side. At the top of the after side of the tower was a rectangular superstructure.

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d. [redacted] three naval vessels were observed

lying tied up on the west side of the Neva, below Lt. Smidt's Bridge.

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The third vessel was named ~~SAOCAA~~, and resembled a submarine. (See sketch that shows the way [redacted] the vessel looked).

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e. [redacted] just below Lt. Smidt's Bridge, three identical small naval vessels were observed.

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[redacted] The sides and after ends of the vessels were covered by unpainted planks. They had bridges with a mast on top;

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Just aft of midships stood a mast-like object extending at a 60° angle up from the deck. The pole [redacted] presented a triangular appearance as it was made of three parallel poles. At the top of the mast was a shiny object shaped like a bowl tipped upside down. (See sketch).

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All observations in this report were made at KRONSTADT and
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2. [redacted] one cruiser and one destroyer were
sighted twenty miles west of LENINGRAD pilot vessel.

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Sea Area [redacted]

$67^{\circ} 04' N$ $27^{\circ} 50' E$ Course 270° Speed 12 knots estimated.

$67^{\circ} 04' N$ $27^{\circ} 50' E$ Course 090° Speed 10 knots.

Good visibility.

Free to observe.

Two upright funnels spaced well apart.

[redacted]
Estimated as 650 ft. long.

One pole mast forrard rising from bridge and one pole mast
close to but forrard of after funnel.

Break under forrard funnel.

Two triple turrets forrard, two triple turrets aft.

[redacted]
Flying Russian naval ensign.

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4. At 1200 GMT on 10th June one large cruiser and one destroyer were
seen at anchor off KRONSTADT.

Sea Area [redacted] One Cruiser (See sketch No. 1)

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W.

[redacted]
At anchor off KRONSTADT.

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Approaching LENINGRAD.

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Good visibility.

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Two upright funnels spaced well apart.

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Estimated 700 ft.

One mast forward of forward funnel and one mast forward of after funnel.

Raised superstructure under forward funnel and a break wall aft.

Two triple turrets forward, two triple turrets aft.

6.

a) Five small submarines and one destroyer [redacted] were berthed in the Merchant Harbour.

b) Four cruisers [redacted] and two covered in red lead were berthed in the Central Harbour.

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c)

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d)

e) Positions of vessels are as shown on overlay plan of KRONSTADT.

7.

[redacted] one submarine was passed in the Morskoy 50X1-HUM

Canal approaching the Baltic Yard. (See sketch No. 2)

Sea Area [redacted]

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In Morskoy Canal approaching Baltic Yard.

Leaving Customs Quay. LENINGRAD.

Good visibility.

Restricted observation.

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Conning tower amidships.

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No armament.

A funnel shaped protrusion from the after end of the conning tower.

Whale backed hull.

8. On passing KRONSTADT [REDACTED] Cruiser [REDACTED] and 50X1-HUM

destroyer [REDACTED] were no longer present.

9. [REDACTED] one small [REDACTED] submarine was soon

off KRONSTADT (See sketch No. 3). No description was obtained of this vessel.

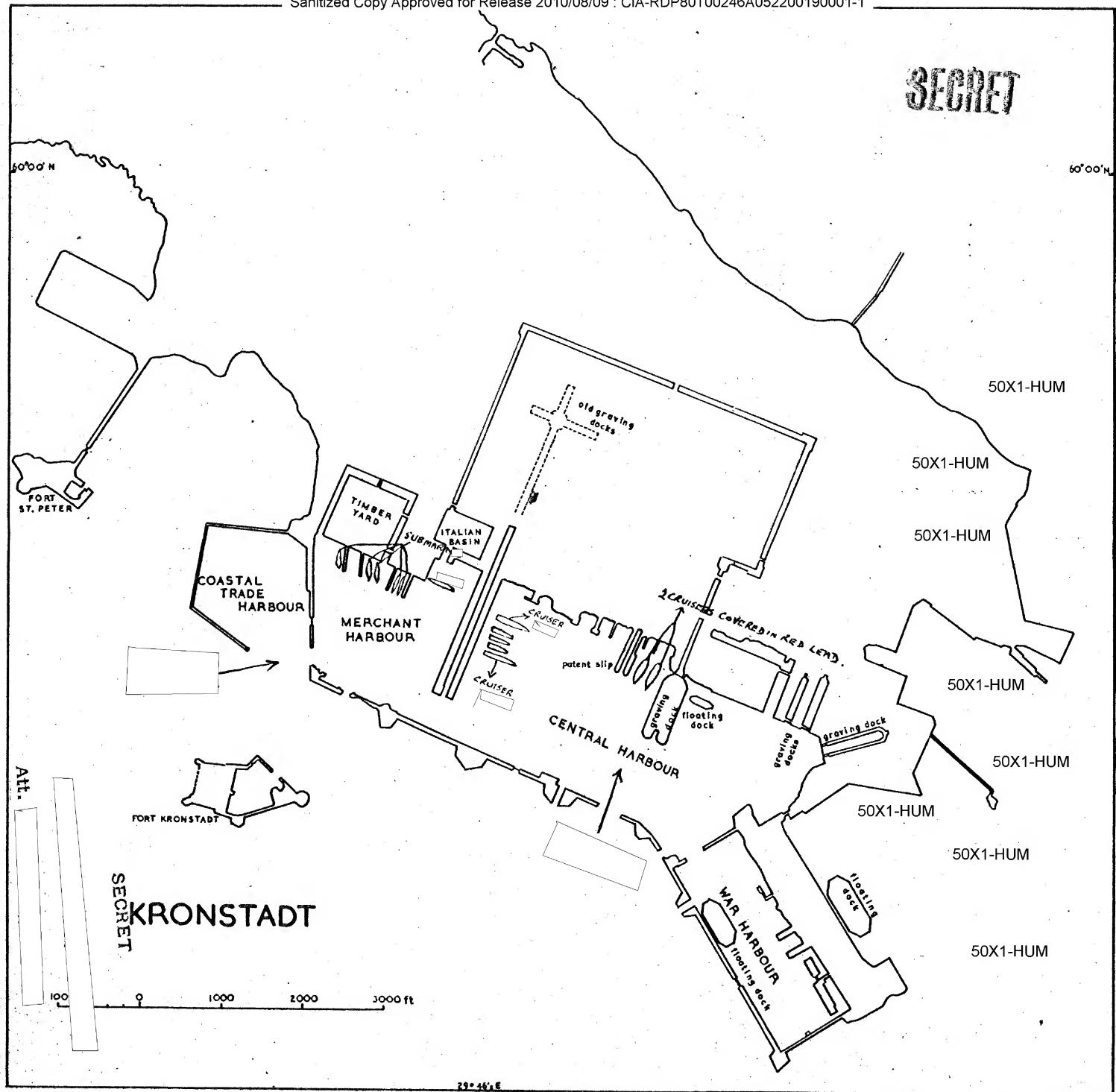
10. The Icebreaker "LENIN" was soon alongside the quay to the southward of SUDOMEKH. Vessel appeared to be high out of the water.

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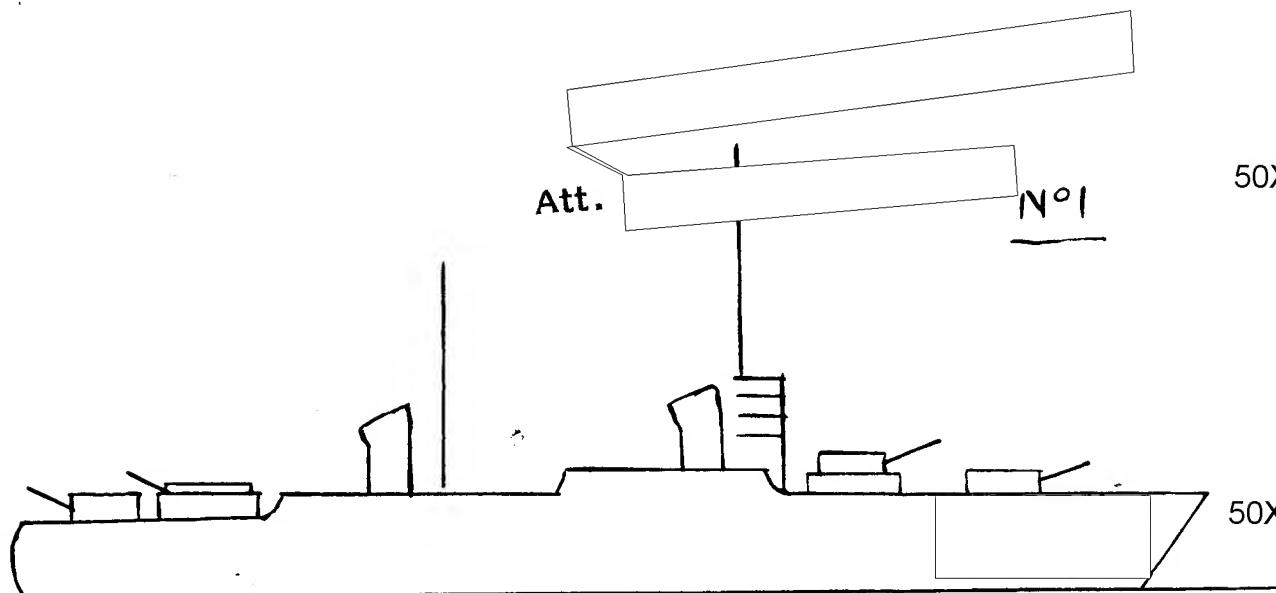
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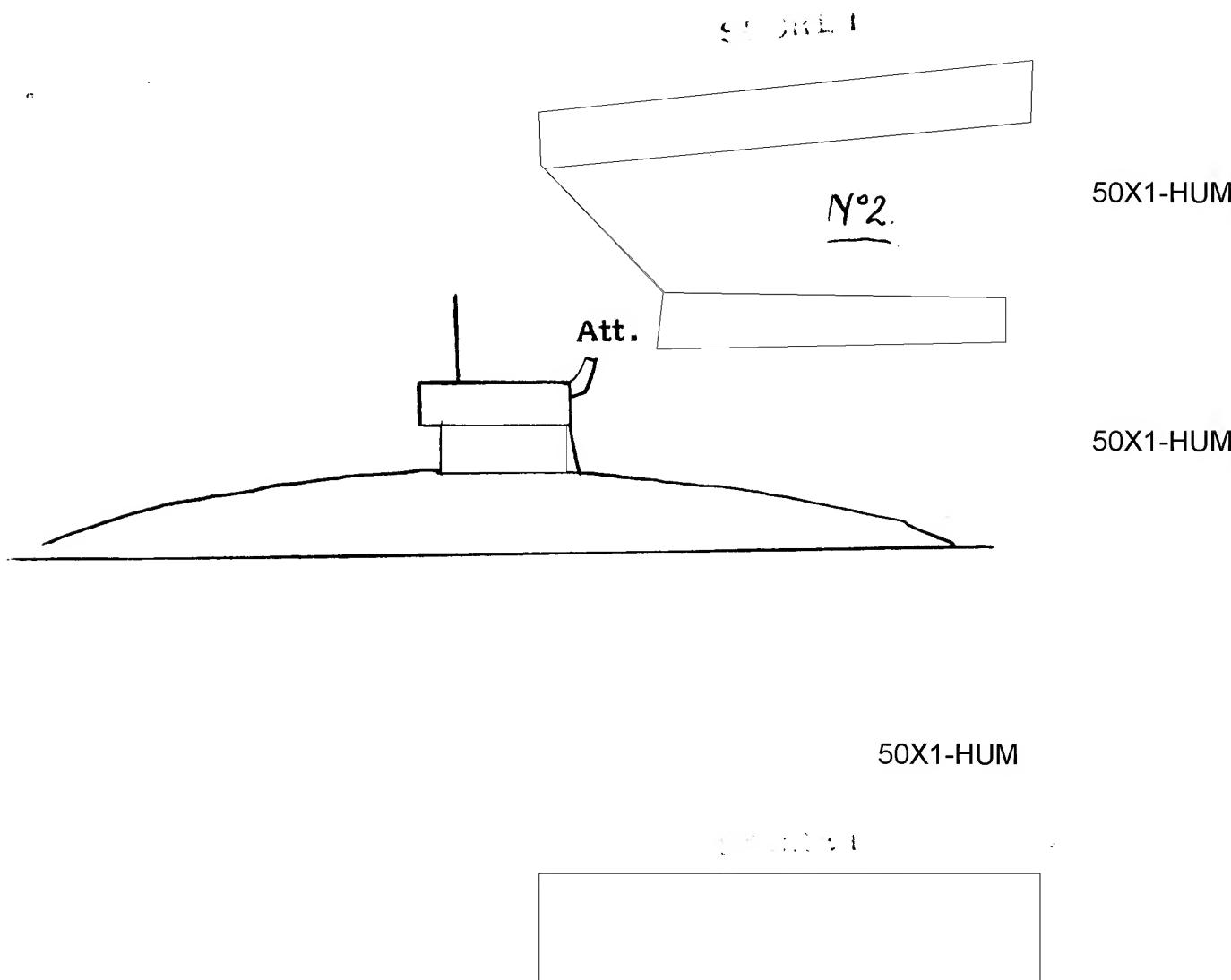
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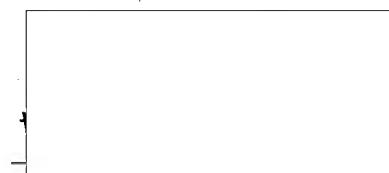
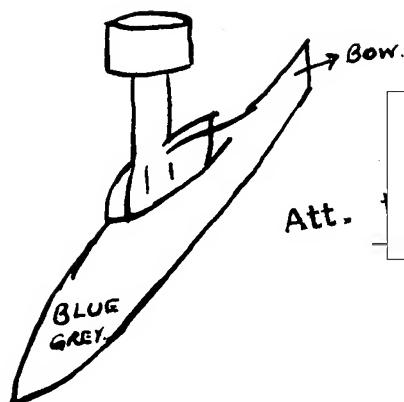
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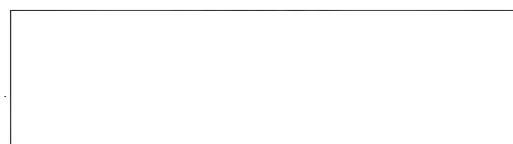
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2. Whilst passing KRONSTADT [redacted] the following warships were seen in harbour:-

- a) Two cruisers [redacted]
- b) Two Radar equipped merchant ships
- c) Four submarines
- d) One destroyer [redacted]
- e) One cruiser being overhauled
- f) See overlay plan of KRONSTADT.

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3. [redacted]

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4. The bows only of cruiser [redacted] could be seen [redacted] the peculiar manner in which the foremast had been shaped (see sketch No. 1).

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5. Sketch No. 2 is of one of the submarines seen berthed in the merchant harbour. [redacted] not [redacted] sure of the shape of the hump on the stern but was sure of the shape of the conning tower.

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6. [redacted] a cruiser was soon off KRONSTADT steaming in the direction of LENINGRAD. [redacted]

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Sea Area

Off KRONSTADT harbour.

Off KRONSTADT harbour outward bound.

Good visibility.

Restricted observation

Two funnels spaced well apart.

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About 700 ft. long. Att.

One tripod mast forward of, forward funnel, one tripod mast close to, but forward of, after funnel.

Break right aft under "X" turret position.

Two triple turrets forward, two triple turrets aft.

Calibre unknown.

Torpedo tubes between funnels.

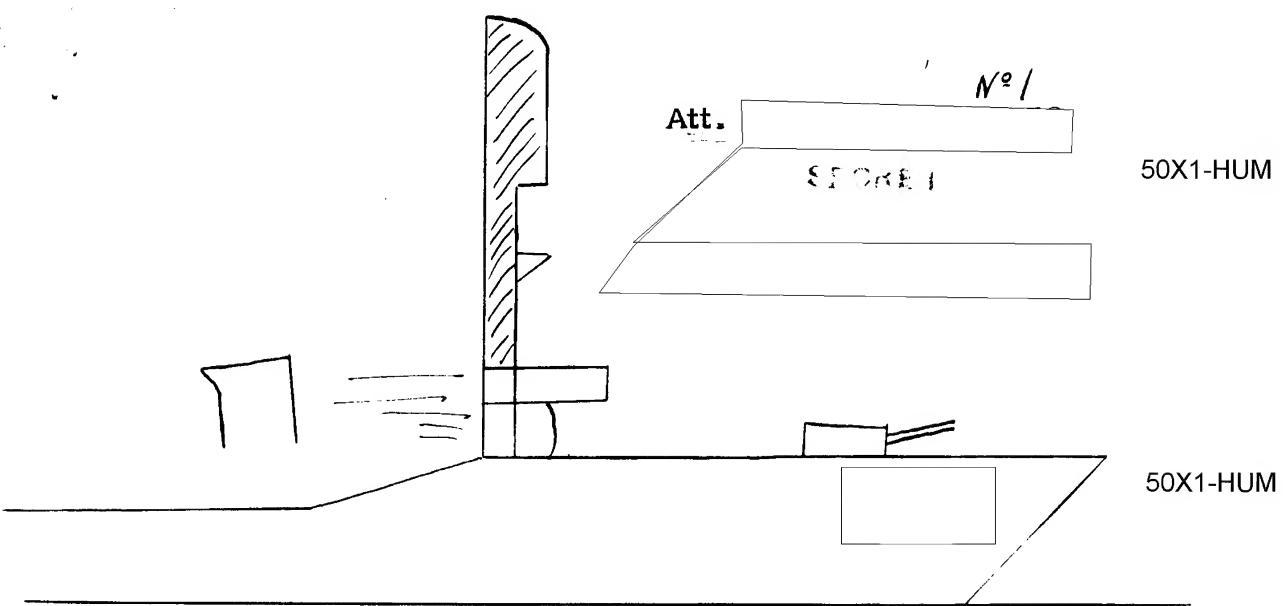
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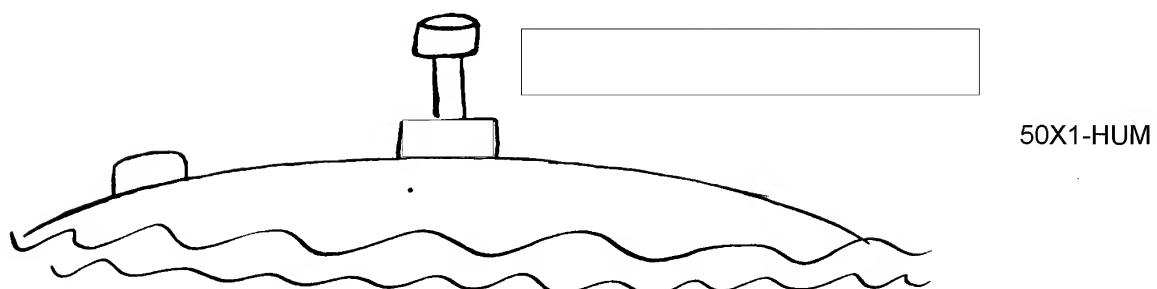


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